REMARKS

This application has been amended above to add a drawing Figure illustrating a conventional FCC unit which may be used to practice the process that embodies the invention.

Accordingly, the attached drawing Figure proposed for addition to this application is labeled "State of the Art". As explained in the application disclosure, the invention relates to a process, not the FCC unit structure. Thus, as explained on page 13 of the specification, last two lines, the FCC unit (FCCU) that is useful in the process of the invention is state of the art equipment, reference there being made, for example, to U.S. Patent 4,874,503. One skilled in the art would thus understand, with knowledge of and reference to a state of the art FCC unit, the disclosed process of the invention. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the addition of the herewith Figure, which schematically illustrates a state of the art structure, as proposed in the herewith amendment, does <u>not</u> constitute the addition of new matter to this application.

Because Figure 1 is an illustration of only a conventional unit, it is not believed that a new declaration is required. However, in case it is determined that a new declaration is necessary or desirable, a new Declaration, including a reference to the submission of drawing herewith, has been forwarded for execution by the inventors. The undersigned has not yet received that executed Declaration and will file it as soon as it is received.

In accordance with PTO Rule 56, 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the attached copies of patent documents identified in the specification and listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A brief explanation of the relevance of each reference is already set forth in the specification. Official citation and consideration is requested.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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